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SUBJ: KUWAIT OIL MINISTRY OPEN LETTER TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

1. FOLLOWING IS NEXT OF FULL-PAGE MESSAGE ENTITLED QUOTE AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNQUOTE WHICH APPEARED IN NOVEMBER 14 EDITION OF WASHINGTON POST, WITH ATTRIBUTION QUOTE PAID FOR BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, KUWAIT, MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC) UNQUOTE:

2. QUOTE OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES THE ARAB PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES HAVE LARGELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE WELL-BEING AND PROPERTY OF MANKIND THROUGH THE EXPORT OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. QUOTE IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT PRODUCTION OF MANY OF THESE COUNTRIES HAS SURPASSED THE LEVEL NECESSARY FOR THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEED OF THEIR FUTURE GENERATION FOR ENERGY, THEY HAVE NEVERTHELESS CONTINUED TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION, THUS SACRIFICING THEIR OWN INTERESTS IN ORDER TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMERS AND PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN GENERAL.

4. QUOTE SINCE THE JUNE WAR OF 1967, TERRITORIES FROM THREE ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE ISRAELIS, AND THEY STILL ARE, IN DEFIANCE OF U.N. RESOLUTIONS AND THE VARIOUS PEACE EFFORTS MADE BY THE ARAB STATES AND OTHER PEACE LOVING COUNTRIES. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS WHICH REAFFIRM THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE, AS STIPULATED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

5. QUOTE HOWEVER, MOST OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WHICH IMPORT ARAB OIL HAVE TAKEN NO POSITIVE ACTION TO REFLECT THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION IN THIS RESPECT. SOME OF THEM EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TO SUPPORT AND CONSOLIDATE THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. BY INSISTING ON SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH THE MOST SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS BEFORE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DURING THE RECENT WAR, THE UNITED STATES HAS ONLY ENCOURAGED THE ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AND ARROGANCE IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

6. QUOTE THIS UNBEARABLE SITUATION HAS FORCED THE ARAB OIL EXPORTING STATES TO MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS TO EXPEDITE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOWARDS

MEETING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN FORCING THE ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND RESTORING
THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

7. QUOTE IN THEIR MEETING IN KUWAIT ON OCTOBER 17, 1973,
THE ARAB MINISTERS OF PETROLEUM DECIDED THAT EACH ARAB EX-
PORTING COUNTRY SHOULD CUT ITS PRODUCTION BY NO LESS THAN
5 OF THE SEPTEMBER PRODUCTION. IN THEIR SUBSEQUENT
MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 1973, THEY INCREASED THE RATE OF
REDUCTION TO 25 OF THE SEPTEMBER LEVEL, TO BE FOLLOWED
BY SUBSEQUENT 5 REDUCTION EACH MONTH.

8. QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE UNILATERAL ACTION ON THE PART
OF THE U.S. TO RESUPPLY ISRAEL WITH WEAPONS WHILE THE ARABS
WERE STRUGGLING TO LIBERATE THEIR OCCUPIED LANDS, THE ARAB
COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED TO HALT ALL SUPPLIES OF CRUDE
OIL AND ITS REFINED PRODUCTS TO THE U.S. AND THE NETHER-
LANDS AND TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY WHICH BACKS THE ISRAELI
AGGRESSION.

9. QUOTE TO UNDERSTAND THESE DECISIONS, ONE HAS TO BEAR
THE FOLLOWING IN MIND:

- (1) THE REDUCTION WOULD NOT AFFECT ANY FRIENDLY
COUNTRY WHICH HAS OR WILL TAKE ANY POSITIVE ACTION
IN RESOLVING THIS UNJUST SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. SUCH COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE
SAME AMOUNT OF OIL SUPPLY AS BEFORE.
- (2) THE DECISION TO HALT SUPPLIES TO THE U.S. WAS BY NO
MEANS DIRECTED AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF THE U.S.

IT WAS RATHER PROMPTED BY THEIR GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL
MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE ISRAELI ENEMY DURING THE

RECENT WAR.

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- (3) THIS COURSE OF ACTION ON THE PART OF THE ARAB
COUNTRIES WILL HOLD UNTIL SUCH A TIME WHEN THE
ISRAELI FORCES ARE TOTALLY WITHDRAWN FROM ALL
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ARE RESTORED.
- (4) IT IS TO BE RECALLED THAT THE U.S. HERSELF ADOPTED
SIMILAR MEASURES FOR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES WHEN SHE
BANNED ARMS, STRATEGIC PRODUCTS AND EVEN FOOD
STUFF FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

10. QUOTE THE ARAB NATION, THEREFORE, APPEALS TO THE
PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, AND PARTICULARLY THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO SUPPORT THEIR LEGITIMATE
STRUGGLE IN RESISTING ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST POLICIES AND

RECTIFYING THE INJUSTICES DONE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.
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